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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 5869

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL NATO IT OTRA  
SUBJ: ADMIRAL MAININI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. EMBASSY REACHED ADMIRAL MAININI AFTERNOON OF MARCH 30 TO  
INQUIRE WHETHER HE HAD CONSULTED (AS HE HAD EARLIER INDICATED  
HE WOULD) WITH OTHER IEPG REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT HIS FORTH-  
COMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. MAININI BEGAN HIS REPLY BY IN-  
FORMING US HE HAD ALREADY BOOKED A FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON  
ON APRIL 5 AND HOPED TO SEE DR. PERRY DURING THE MORNING OF  
APRIL 6, PLANNING TO RETURN TO ROME LATER THAT DAY. THE  
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ITALIAN NAVAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON IS MAKING LICAL ARRANGE-  
MENTS. HE SAID HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO CONSULT WITH THE OTHER  
IEPG MEMBERS BECAUSE THE MADATE OF THE CHAIRMAN "COVERED IN  
THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND IEPG MEETING" INCLUDED IDSCUSSIONS  
WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT HIS DESCRETION. DURING HIS RECENT  
VISIT TO PARIS HE INFORMED GENERAL CAUCHIE OF HIS PLANNED  
TRIP TO WASHINGTON; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT FEEL IT

NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH THE IEPG MEMBERS NOR, IN REACTION TO OUR CAUTIONARY NOTES, DID HE FEEL THERE WOULD BE ANY ADVERSE REACTION AMONG THE IEPG MEMBERS OVER HIS VISIT. THAT VISIT, HE INSISTED, SHOULD BE VIEWED ONLY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERSONAL INFORMAL DISCUSSION IN WHICH MAININI, AS HIS RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE IEPG COMES TO AN END, WOULD OFFER THE BENEFIT OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND HIS SENSE OF THE ATMOSPHERICS OF THE IEPG TO THE U.S.

2. MAININI IS A STOUT DEFENDER OF WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE HIS PERQUISITES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE IEPG. HE HAS "FORGOTTEN" HIS EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES BEFORE VISITING THE U.S. AND AT THIS POINT, WITH HIS "FIGURA" INVOLVED, HE IS NOT LIKELY TO AGREE TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS. HE HAS NOW MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD WASHINGTON BELIEVE THAT HIS VISIT COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US, HE IS PERFECTLY WILLING TO CANCEL. HE NEEDS TO KNOW BY COB HERE TODAY IN ORDER TO STOP ARRANGEMENTS IN PROCESS.

3. MAININI IS A GOOD AND USEFUL FRIEND OF THE U.S. AND OF THIS MISSION, AND IS A STRONG CONTENDER TO MOVE UPWARD IN THE MOD TO A POSITION OF EVEN GREATER INFLUENCE AS CHEF DE CABINET. WE BELIEVE HIS MOTIVATION FOR THE VISIT WAS TO BE HELPFUL (AND TO SOME EXTENT TO ENHANCE HIS PRESTIGE WITHIN THE MOD), AND WE EXPENCT THAT THE WOULD NOT RESENT HAVING IT TURNED OFF. DEPARTMENTS AND USNATO ARE IN BEST POSITION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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JUDGE WHETHER POSSIBLE RISK OUTWEIGHS WHAT BENEFITS COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THIS VISIT. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE. GARDNER

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